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ART HISTORIAN TO DISCUSS CHARLIE RUSSELL AT UM

MISSOULA --

Art historian Ginger Renner will discuss "Charlie Russell and the Persistence of his Art" Thursday afternoon, April 15, at The University of Montana.

The discussion, sponsored by UM's Center for the Rocky Mountain West, will begin at 3 p.m. in Room 285 of the Mansfield Library.

Renner, a resident of Paradise Valley, Ariz., is one of the nation's leading authorities on Russell's life and work, said history department Chair Bill Farr, director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West. Her late husband, Frederic Renner, was "the pre-eminent Russell collector in the country and probably the pre-eminent authority on Russell," Farr said, and she shared and continued that interest and scholarship.

She has published two books, "A Limitless Sky" and "Charlie Russell's West." Other publications include the 1984 article "Charlie and the Ladies in his Life" in Montana: The Magazine of Western History.

A consultant for such renowned art dealers as Sotheby's, Christie's and Butterfield and Butterfield, Renner has shared her understanding of Russell in seminars and presentations throughout the nation. She often serves as a judge for Western art shows and belongs to the boards of numerous museums and organizations, including the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Center for the Rocky Mountain West.

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